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Transfer of sub-judges and district munsifs.

*1888 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule or convention according to which munsifs, sub-judges and district judges may serve in any one place only for a certain number of years; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to move in that direction?

A.—(a) The power of appointment and transfer of district munsifs is vested in the High Court under section 7 of the Madras Civil Courts Act.

There is no rule or convention as suggested in the question in the case of sub-judges and district judges.

(b) No

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know whether there is any such convention in other sister departments, at present that they should not be detained in one place for more than three years ordinarily?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"The question was with reference to munsifs, sub-judges and district judges, but the answer is given only with reference to sub-judges and district judges. May I know what the answer is with regard to munsifs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is there in clause (a). If he had read it carefully he would have seen it. My Friend did not read it, i.e., that the power is vested in the High Court."

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government in the case of sub-judges and district judges that they should continue in any one place as long as those officers please?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There is no hard and fast rule, Sir."

Forests

Establishment and work of the Forest department.

*1889 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) the latest sections into which the Forest department has been divided for conservation, regeneration, exploitation and other purposes;

(b) the several officers in each section with a pay of Rs. 1,000 and more;

(c) the number of other officers and subordinates in the several grades; and

(d) the total cost of the establishment in each section; and

(ii) to state—

(a) whether Government propose to increase or reduce the staff in each section;